

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7038 of the First Extraordinary Session

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Jennifer Lanter upon her election to the National Emergency Number Association's Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this General Assembly acknowledge and applaud those community leaders who are wholly devoted to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens and improving and enriching the place they all call home; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Loudon County E-911 Director Jennifer Lanter, who was recently elected to serve the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Board of Directors as second vice president; and

WHEREAS, NENA is a public safety organization focused on 911 policy, technology, educational issues, and operations; the organization has more than 13,000 members in forty-eight chapters in North America and across the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lanter has served three terms as president of the Tennessee NENA chapter. After serving NENA as second vice president for one year, she will ascend to first vice president in 2020 and association president in 2021; and

WHEREAS, for the past two decades, Jennifer Lanter has been a public safety professional of the highest caliber and ability; she rose through the ranks over the years, beginning as a front line 911 telecommunicator and ascending to the role of field paramedic, supervisor, training officer, and, ultimately, her current position as 911 director; and

WHEREAS, a trusted professional, Ms. Lanter has served the NENA Institute Board as Southeastern representative and president; she was the state coordinator of the Tennessee Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce for three years and continues to serve on the organization's oversight committee; and

WHEREAS, she has the distinction of being the first female chair of the Tennessee Communications Board, having served in this capacity from 2014 to 2018; she is currently in her fifth year of service as legislative chair of the Tennessee NENA chapter, which she also serves as a member of the Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Lanter has also engendered positive change through various legislation initiatives, including the 911 Modernization Act of 2014, which led to funding reform for 911 districts and ensured a single rate per device capable of connecting to 911; the Kelsey Smith Act, which allowed 911 districts to obtain the location of a device belonging to a person who is in imminent danger without a warrant; and Kari's Law, which ensured that multi-line telephone systems have direct access to 911, without the need to dial "9" for an outside line; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lanter is a proven leader in her community and in her field, at the local, state, and national levels, and it is most fitting that she be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Loudon County E-911 Director Jennifer Lanter upon her election to the National Emergency Number Association Board of Directors as second vice president, extending our best wishes for much success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.